

Begins To-Day

The Lion's Share

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OCTAVE THANET'S story of "The Lion's Share" is a thoroughly readable story. It will be found satisfying by the reader who likes a tale of plot and incident sharply and well told. It has good characters and good dialogue. It is entertaining by reason of its abundant puzzle—by the skillful building of this and by the equally skillful dissection and elucidation of it. We have read it with entire and unusual interest and gratification. It is all right. A fine detective story.—*New York Sun.*

The press of the entire country has been enthusiastic in its praise.

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CHRISTMAS TREE CUSTOM UPHELD

Washington, Dec. 28.—The country's forest arch have been called upon to supply about four million Christmas trees, and again many persons have asked themselves and have queried the United States forest service, "Is the custom a menace to the movement for forest preservation?"

In the opinion of the forest service, the custom is not a menace. The forest service has up to the Christmas tree the center of play since early Friday morning, there are many mothers and fathers who have given the question more or less thought. From Sunday schools and other organizations, which have an annual celebration around a single Christmas tree, even for the benefit of the little ones, has come the question whether it is consistent to urge conservation of forest resources and then to cut millions of young trees every year to afford a little joy in the passing holiday season.

"Yes, it is consistent and proper that the custom should be maintained," has been the answer of United States Forest Service Director Pinchot in answer to the question. "Trees are for use and there is no other use to which they can be put which would contribute so much to the joy of man as their use by the children on this one great holiday of the year."

"The number of trees cut for this time each year is utterly insignificant when compared to the consumption for other purposes for which timber is demanded. Not more than four million Christmas trees are used each year and in every fourth family. It planted four feet apart they could be grown on less than 1,500 acres. This clearing of an area equal to a good-sized farm each Christmas should not be a subject of much worry, when it is remembered that for timber alone it is necessary to take timber from an area of more than 100,000 acres every day of the year."

"It is true that there has been serious damage to forest growth in the cutting of Christmas trees in various sections of the country, particularly in the Adirondacks and parts of New England, but in these very sections young evergreens for use at Christmas are cultivated on a large scale. It is not a matter of forest resources, but of the loss of forest resources through fire and careless methods of lumbering. The proper remedy is not to stop using trees but to adopt wiser methods of use."

"It is generally realized that a certain proportion of land must always be used for forest growth, just as for other crops. Christmas trees are one of the crops of this land. There is no reason for an outcry against using land to grow Christmas trees than to grow flowers."

"The forest service upholds the Christmas tree custom, but recognizes at the same time that the indiscriminate cutting of evergreens to supply the holiday trade has produced a bad effect upon many stands of merchantable kinds of trees. In the sections of the country where the cutting of evergreens results in the destruction of the forest, the forest service is not in a position to advise a proper system of forest management. Foresters say that it is not by jerking ourselves the wholehearted pleasure of having a bit of nature in the home at Christmas that the problem of conserving the forest will be solved, but by learning how to use the forests wisely and properly. The average citizen can do three most beneficial things to conserve the forest: (1) to stop the cutting of evergreens in the forest; (2) to stop the cutting of evergreens in the forest; (3) to stop the cutting of evergreens in the forest."

Germany is conceded to have the highest percentage of forest land in any country. It is 24 per cent of the total area of the country. The cutting of small trees for Christmas is not there considered in the least as a menace to the forest, but, on the contrary, as a means of improving the forest by thinning and as a source of revenue. It is therefore constantly encouraged.

There is little doubt but that the time will come when the Christmas tree business will become a recognized industry in this country, and that as natural attention will be given to it as will be given to the growing of crops of timber for other uses. This time may not be far off, for it is already understood that only through the practice of forestry, which means both the conservation of the timber and the growing of new trees, can the country be supplied with timber. It is estimated that the country needs 100 million feet of lumber each year, as well as the few million Christmas trees used at Christmas time.

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TEST OF HICKORY.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Carriage makers and manufacturers of farm implements, as well as the men of a number of other industries which are concerned in the use of hickory, will follow with interest a series of tests of this valuable wood about to begin at the Forest Service timber-testing laboratory at Purdue University, at Lafayette, Ind.

The importance of the tests lies in the fact that they will furnish accurate data on the relative strength of the different kinds of hickory, which is a wood for which no satisfactory substitute has been found. The timber of no other tree possesses the peculiar properties which make hickory necessary in the manufacture of parts of vehicles and farm implements.

The hardwood forests of the northern section of the country are being rapidly denuded and it is therefore important that accurate information regarding like species in other sections of the country be obtained. The hickory of the northern states has always been considered of better quality than that of the south and has been quite generally given the preference by manufacturers and users of this species of wood. Prejudices once established are not readily removed and because of this fact the Forest Service is preparing to prove conclusively the relative merits not only of hickory of the same species obtained in different sections of the country, but also different species of hickory grown in the same section. It is intended later to extend the scope of this work to other species of wood in the order of their importance to the manufacturing interest of the country.

A shipment of southern hickory has just been received at the Purdue timber-testing laboratory. This material was collected by a representative of the Forest Service and accurate data regarding species, growth, and locality were taken for each tree from which the material was obtained. Other materials of the same species, to be selected, will be treated in a like manner and all will be tested for the purpose of determining its strength, stiffness, and suitability for the purposes for which it is used. The strength, stiffness, and other data obtained by these tests will make possible a direct comparison of the merits of the wood as regards its species and locality of growth.

A pinch in the hickory supply has been felt for several years and it is already seen that the growing of hickory must be encouraged either by natural growth or artificial planting, if the permanence of a number of industries is to be assured. The importance in this first series of tests by the United States Forest Service lies in the fact that they will determine just what species of hickory are strongest, and will give much valuable information to owners of farm woodlots and others who plant trees for profit. Not until it is accurately determined just what species produce the strongest timber will it be possible to know just what trees to plant. When the report on test is completed, information on the work will be gladly given to all who write to the Forest Service at Washington.

Human Treadmills in Prison.

The barbarous custom of using convicts in treadmills is still practiced in some English prisons, declares Popular Mechanics, and an interesting picture shows the convicts at this trying task. The speed is about thirty steps a minute, and if a man misses a step a crossbar strikes the calves of his legs.

Masculine Gallantry.

Pretty Girl (in crowded car) Oh-o-h, you horrid man! You stepped on my big toe.

The Man: I beg your pardon, my dear young lady, but I can't realize how a person having such a beautiful little foot as yours can possibly have a big toe.

Saving the Feelings.

"I have a lot of junk that I don't want."

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"But I'd feel wasteful."

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SHARP GOT HIS WIRELESS CROSSED

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—It was a mistake in the wireless that caused the riot of fanatics which ended with the loss of five lives. James Sharp, the Adam God and leader of the band, who is in the county jail says so himself.

"The message which I took to be from God really was sent by Satan," said Sharp in reply to questions. "I was not strong enough in the faith to distinguish," he added.

"But I am the prophet. This imprisonment that has come on me is only one of the tribulations that come to all prophets. It is to sift me, as wheat is sifted from the chaff. Through trials we become strong."

"A revelation that told me about being a prophet came one night when I had come home from preaching. My wife started to read the Bible when we got home and it happened that she turned to the third chapter of Acts. Before that time, this passage of Scripture had always been unintelligible to me. You remember it speaks about a prophet who is to come after Jesus."

"When my wife read that chapter it was revealed to me that I was that prophet. And I am. As I grow stronger and stronger, it will be possible for me to distinguish between the messages of God and Satan. It was my inability to distinguish this difference that led to the shooting. He Now Blames Pratt."

"Besides that, it was due to disobedience of orders on the part of Louis Pratt. I had told my followers that, if there was to be any shooting, I was to fire first, and no one was to draw a weapon until I had fired the move. Pratt disobeyed and fired first. But then, Pratt was not afraid of anything. In Canada, when we were preaching there, he urged me to shoot and to wipe out those who opposed us. At that time I was able to hold him in restraint."

"But if yours is the doctrine of peace, why was it necessary to shoot at all?" was asked of Sharp.

"Don't you remember the lesson of 'Joel, brother?' was the reply. 'Joel was meek and lowly in spirit. Was he so in action? Didn't he go into the temple where the money changers were and throw over their tables? He was meek and lowly at heart and not in his actions. And don't you remember where there had to be a war before salvation could come? Before the reign of the prophet, who is myself, could be accomplished, there had to be bloodshed. Read the Bible brother, and see if it isn't so."

"Will you rise from the dead if you are hanged?"

Believe. He Will Rise.

"Certainly I will, brother. For I am the prophet whose coming is foretold in the third chapter of Acts, as I said I will do. I have come to fulfill the prophecy. I will rise on the third day."

And then Sharp went on to tell about Paul and the trials of the apostle, drawing the parallel as closely as he could and yet to keep within the limits of that third chapter of Acts. He told of how the apostle was stoned and mistreated, likening his own imprisonment to some of the trials of Peter.

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